

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 227295
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00
ICAE-00 INRE-00 MCE-00 DOE-15 NRC-05 SOE-02
ACDA-12 /084 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/RPM:GROBERTS
APPROVED BY EUR:JEGOODBY
EUR/NE:DWOOLFLEY
EUR/RPM:SJLEDOGAR
EUR/CE:NLAUDERDALE
NSC:JTHOMPSON

-----008266 080249Z /70

O P 072353Z SEP 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY
USNMR SHAPE PRIORITY
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN PRIORITY
USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 227295

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, MPOL

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF STABALLOY MUNITIONS FOR A-10
AIRCRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 221419; (B) STATE 221420; (C) BONN 16042;
(D) LONDON 14205

1. WITH ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT UK ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 227295

HELD IN OCTOBER, OBJECTIONS IN PARA 5 REFTEL D ARE NOW OBE.
WE HOPE THAT CONSIDERATION BY HMG WILL OCCUR
SOONEST.

2. INFORMAL INQUIRIES BY THE MEDIA INDICATE THAT THE
DEPLOYMENT MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN AT ANY TIME. PUBLIC
REACTION MAY BE REDUCED IF WE ARE ABLE TO PREEMPT A

SENSATIONALIZED DISCLOSURE WITH A LOW-KEY RELEASE. AT THE VERY LEAST, WE SHOULD HAVE A COORDINATED US-UK-FRG POSITION ESTABLISHED IN THE EVENT A PREMATURE LEAK OCCURS.

3. REGARDING UK QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 3 REFTEL D, AMMUNITION IS BEING PREPOSITIONED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO INSURE ITS AVAILABILITY UPON ARRIVAL OF THE A-10'S IN JANUARY. IN ADDITION, US A-10'S CURRENTLY COMMITTED TO DEPLOY TO EUROPE TO REINFORCE NATO IN A CRISIS SITUATION

WOULD REQUIRE THE MUNITIONS BE IN PLACE. SINCE THE INITIAL SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS WILL BE STORED IN THE FRG, COMPLETE DETAILS OF HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE UK HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED AND WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT BY THE FRG TO ANNOUNCE THE DEPLOYMENT, WE WOULD HOPE FOR A UK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO STABALLOY DEPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN. RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES ON HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE UK COULD BE DELAYED TO A LATER DATE.

CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRCRAFT, URANIUM, NUCLEAR FUELS, METALLOIDS, STABALLOY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE227295
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: GROBERTS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780365-0507
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780991/aaaacxvc.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 83cade55-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 221420, 78 STATE 221420, 78 BONN 16042, 78 LONDON 14205
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1514851
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEPLOYMENT OF STABALLOY MUNITIONS FOR A-10 AIRCRAFT
TAGS: MPOL, NATO
To: LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/83cade55-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014